

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 234 - SB 293**

March 7, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the course of instruction in all public schools in grades 9 – 12 to advise students of the provisions of T.C.A. 68-11-255, relating to parents who voluntarily surrender physical custody of an unharmed infant 72 hours or younger at a hospital or other designated location without being subject to prosecution for a violation of certain crimes such as child abandonment.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

###### Assumptions:

- Any cost to the State Board of Education associated with the development of guidelines for the appropriate materials and method of instruction is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within the normal course of business.
- According to the Department of Education, instruction on the Tennessee Safe Haven Law would be most appropriate in the Lifetime Wellness course required of all high school students. A performance indicator could be added to this course at an insignificant cost.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director